



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

# Town of Carlisle

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## Introducing the Inaugural Newsletter!

Welcome to the first municipal newsletter for the Town of Carlisle. Our goal is to highlight the great work happening in town for residents and staff.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as one of the newest faces in Town Hall. As the Assistant Town Administrator, I will be working with staff and volunteers to help share information in our wonderful Town of Carlisle. If you have anything you would like to add to the newsletter, you can email me at [athomas@carlislema.gov](mailto:athomas@carlislema.gov).



(Photo by Beth Clarke,  
Carlisle Mosquito)

## Welcome Julie Mercier as Town Planner



(Photo by Bob Zielinski,  
Carlisle Mosquito)

We are excited to welcome Julie Mercier to the Land Use team! Julie comes from the Town of Reading where she was the Community Development Director and Assistant Department Head. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia, and a Master's Degree in Design Studies—Risk & Resilience from Harvard University Graduate School of Design, along with licenses and certifications in LEED, AICP, MHP, and GIS. You can find her on the second floor— be sure to say hello!



# Carlisle Fire Department



Steven Fry recently completed his Firefighter I/II certification at the Fire Academy.

The Carlisle Fire Department has four current firefighters and two new EMT's in an EMT class in Lowell. The class has been using the fire department facility and the backup ambulance for teaching practical skills. They should finish the class in January and they will begin going on EMS calls. The two EMTs new to the department are currently completing the process of being hired.

Steven Fry recently completed his Firefighter I/II certification at the fire academy. Pictured is Steven at his graduation where he was the class spokesperson. There are two additional firefighters signed up to complete the course and certification in the spring. This course and certification takes several hundred hours to complete and represents the national standard for a firefighter.

John Bernardin has recently been promoted to Lieutenant.

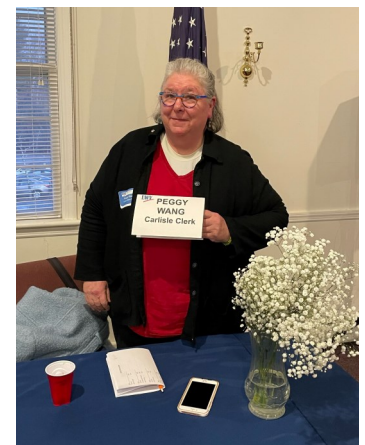
The Fire Department plans to have a parade on 12/17 starting at 1pm.

*"The Annual Census will be mailed on December 12, 2022."*

## Town Clerk

On December 9, 2022 the League of Women Voters hosted a Town Clerk's Reception at the Congregational Church as a thank you reception for the Concord and Carlisle Town Clerks and the poll workers. Kaari Mai Tari (Concord Town Clerk) and Peggy Wang (Carlisle Town Clerk) spoke about their experiences during the past election season. This event was held to honor the memory of Barbara Lewis, a long-time League member and a Carlisle resident.

The Annual Census will be mailed on December 12, 2022 which will include the dog license applications, a flyer for the COAHS and Gleason Library. Approximately 2,000 forms will be mailed and hopefully returned by the residents. The Census is used to generate the Town Street list, also known as the "nosy book" which is used by many departments in Town Hall, the police and fire departments, and the school.



# The Council on Aging and Human Services

The Council on Aging and Human Services (COAHS) assists Carlisle residents of all ages with benefit applications, information and referral, emergency needs, and social services. The COAHS receives funding through the Concord-Carlisle Community Chest to support seniors, residents under 60, and families in areas such as food assistance, heating assistance, and holiday assistance.

The COAHS is pleased to announce that the Carlisle Select Board approved our ARPA request for supplemental winter heating assistance for senior households. Eligibility is based on income, assets, and

home value. Applicants must be at least 60 years of age. There is \$50,000 in available funding for this program, with a cap of \$3,000 per household. Payments will be made directly to heating vendors. The application is simple and the COAHS will assist with the application process if needed. Applications are available at the COAHS office, on our website [www.carlislecoahs.org](http://www.carlislecoahs.org), and via email.

The COAHS has a range of medical equipment available to loan to any Carlisle resident or family member. Items include walkers, rollators,

wheelchairs, shower chairs, crutches, canes, raised toilet seats, scooters, and more. The medical equipment program is our most frequently used service, with 150 pieces of equipment loaned out annually. The equipment is stored in our shed on the grounds of Town Hall, and residents can select the items that work best for them. If you are in need of medical equipment, or have equipment in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact the COA.

For more information on all of our programs and services please contact us at 978-371-2895, or visit our website, [www.carlislecoahs.org](http://www.carlislecoahs.org).

## Attention all residents...

This is a reminder that tax bills will be sent at the end of December.



## Carlisle Police Department Toy Drive

The Carlisle Police Department is pleased to again be a part of the annual toy drive supporting the efforts of the Department of Children and Family (DCF) Lowell Regional Office. Toys are distributed to families in need in the Lowell region. New, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages can be left at the trailer parked in the driveway of the

station across from the front entrance. The trailer will be open daily from 8 am to 8 pm beginning November 22nd. Gifts will be delivered to DCF on December 19th. DCF has also advised they will accept gift cards in lieu of actual gifts. Anyone wishing to donate a gift card should mail them directly to:

The Department of Children and Family  
C/O Nicole Martini  
2 Omni Way  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

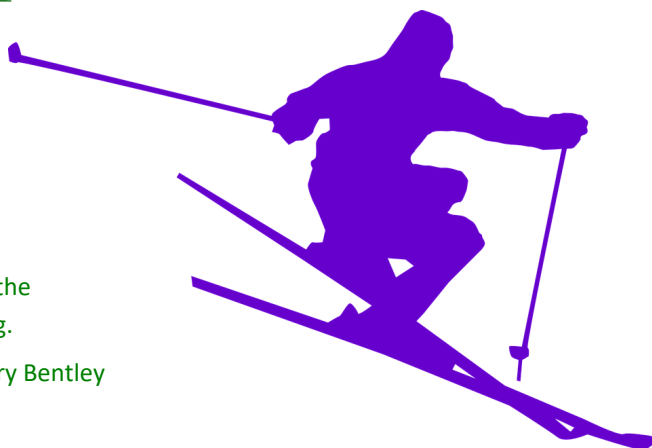


Many thanks again for all your support through the years and especially this year with families hard hit with the effects of COVID-19 and our challenging economy.

# From the Recreation Department

## Recreation in December

- We have our Santa is Calling program on 12/7 which is free of charge to residents
- We are gearing up for our ski/snowboard program at Nashoba Valley Ski Area which begins on 1/6
- We are meeting with various departments regarding the Dog Park project which we hope to begin in the spring.
- We are working on plans to improve Diment Park, Rory Bentley Park, and Spalding Field in the spring.
- We are discussing plans to replace the Boardwalk which connects Spalding Field and Banta Davis. Many of the wooden boards and handrails will need to be replaced.
- Holly has created a new group which includes many of the organizations in town that plan events. We had our first meeting on 11/30 to share ideas, collaborate on events and learn about some of the possible events for 2023. One of the main goals is to create an events calendar on the town website for committees and residents to access to see all of the amazing activities Carlisle has to offer.



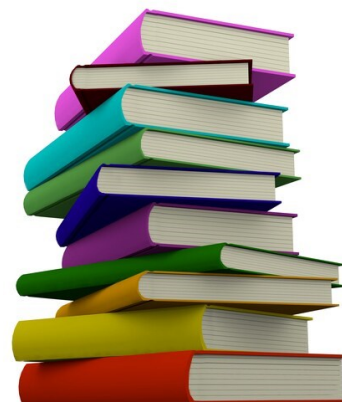
## Gleason Public Library

We lend out so much more than books! Our Library of Things lets our users share a variety of equipment to “try before you buy,” to save money, and to test out something you might not have come across otherwise. Thank you to the Friends of Gleason Public Library for their support of this collection. Our Library of Things is always growing and evolving.

All items can be requested by placing a reservation online and scheduling them for specific dates. If you need assistance please call the library. Any MVLC cardholder, or residents of other

Massachusetts towns who have registered with an MVLC library, may borrow these items, but they must be picked up and returned in Carlisle at the reference desk.

<https://gleasonlibrary.org/what-we-offer/library-of-things/>



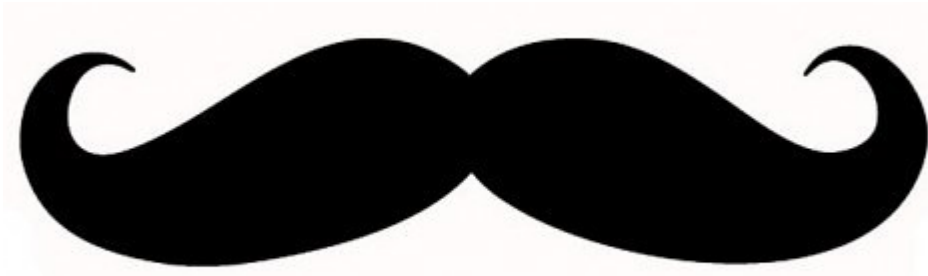
For more information on the Library, be sure to sign up for their monthly newsletter! Here is their December enews:

<https://t.e2ma.net/message/fklmme/j7196>



# Carlisle Police

## No Shave November/December



We have had a pretty successful No Shave November so far. Just want to remind everyone that if you are participating that it is mandatory to donate \$100 to Cops for Kids with Cancer. Chief Fong has approved extending the No Shave into December as in past years. The requirement is at least \$25 worth of toys and \$25 worth of gift cards to stores such as Walmart or Target to be donated to DCF. Thank you all for participating and donating! These donations are going to two great causes.

<https://copsforkidswithcancer.org/donation-carlisle-police-2022/>

## Calling All Boards and Committees!

**We want to share the important and valuable work you continue to do for the Town of Carlisle. Volunteers are an intrinsic part of the community and the Town continues to thrive because of you.**

**I will also be reaching out to boards and committees in the coming months to add to the newsletter, but if you have anything to share, please feel free to contact me at [athomas@carlislema.gov](mailto:athomas@carlislema.gov).**

